

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

TALK about commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking with friends and family – including your children. **ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS** to train teachers about the signs of child sex trafficking, invite speakers to talk to kids and parents, and include the issue of modern day slavery in their curriculum.

EMPOWER SURVIVORS Volunteer to be a tutor or translator; teach English or computer skills. Assist with college and job applications. Help with resume writing and language skills, cooking and nutrition. **THINK** about what skills you have that would be useful!

IDENTIFY business owners who can be part of the reintegration process for survivors by providing them a means to support themselves.

ORGANIZE a film screening or fundraiser to build awareness and inspire action.

KNOW THE SIGNS of trafficking and be vigilant; store the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) hotline number in your phone and report any incidents that cause you concern: 1-888-373-7888. NHTRC can also help with referring victims to services. Learn the signs at:

- polarisproject.org/recognize-signs
- traffickingresourcecenter.org/what-human-trafficking/recognizing-signs

TELL LAWMAKERS to support anti-trafficking legislation, including passage of the Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act (S 262/HR 1779). Ask your Congresspersons to co-sponsor this legislation by submitting a letter at unicefusa.org/help/advocate/end-child-trafficking.

JOIN the Advocacy Leadership Committee at National Council of Jewish Women New York to help educate our community. Awareness inspires action.

SUPPORT service providers so that they can ensure that girls in recovery get their basic needs met. Volunteer opportunities are often available, and food, toiletries, diapers, baby wipes, clothes and much more are needed:

- GEMS: gems-girls.org (see their Amazon wishlist)
- JCCA: Gateways jccany.org
- Sanctuary for Families: sanctuaryforfamilies.org
- Covenant House: covenanthouse.org
- Lifeway Network: lifewaynetwork.org
- Restore NYC: restorenyc.org
- Safe Horizon: safehorizon.org

PARTNER with organizations that serve those at risk of being trafficked. For example, become a mentor or help with after-school tutoring. Prevention is always better than a cure, and providing support now for children who might be at risk of human trafficking could mean one less victim.

TRAVEL with socially responsible businesses that have signed the Tourism-Child Protection Code of Conduct, developed by ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking). Learn more at:

- thecode.org
- ecpatusa.org/journeys

BOOKS:

Bodies and Souls: The Tragic Plight of Three Jewish Women Forced into Prostitution in the Americas by Isabel Vincent
Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are Not for Sale: A Memoir by Rachel Lloyd
Walking Prey: How America's Youth Are Vulnerable to Sex Slavery by Holly Austin Smith

FILM:

Tricked by Jane Wells & John-Keith Wasson

The Long Night: Seven Lives Forever Changed by Child Sex Trafficking in America by Tim Matsui & MediaStorm